[Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai]

(*f*) The malaria control scheme has for its aim, the control of the malaria transmission in the infected areas through antimosquito measures and the gradual establishment of a protection barrier extending from Bhoothapandy in Thovala to Nedumangad as a first stage. The method adopted is the method of "species control" or the control of the carrier species of anophelines in each locality. For this purpose universally tried and accepted procedures as employment of larvicides like Paris Green and oil, spraying of Pyrethrum, and naturalistic methods like sluicing and flushing of streams, canalisation clearance of marginal vegetation, are employed. These methods which have been in use in parts of Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks have been eminently successful as is seen from the progressive diminution of malaria in these areas. The above measures are supplemented by systematic quinimisation of the affected populations.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Is it the case that death as a sequel to malaria was due to lack of proper diagnosis or because of the existence of fever?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: It is possible that some cases of death were due to fever.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvella*): May I know whether the member has received information with regard to the outbreak of a serious type of malaria in the eastern pakuthies of Tiruvella taluk?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, Sir. A special staff has been posted to distribute quinine and attend to the necessary control measures against malaria.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: May I know whether special officers have been appointed in Peermade taluk to combat malaria.

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The District Health Officer of Kottayam has been touring the Peermade taluk. He has adopted certain control measures and each House in Peermade is being sprayed with pyretherum extract.

Appointment of a Midwife and a Sanitary Inspector in Adoor, Sasthancotta.

175. ✻**MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the people of Thuvayur, Peringanad, Mundapalli and other Karas in Kunnathur taluk have sent a petition to the Public Health authorities praying for the appointment of a Midwife and a Sanitary Inspector for the locality between 2nd and 4th mile stones in Adoor Sasthancotta Road and if so, what action has been taken on it?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The petition referred to was received and the matter was investigated departmentally. As all the places mentioned in the petition except Thuvayur south are within a distance of only four miles from the

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District Dispensary at Adoor, it would be easy for the people to get the services of the midwife attached to the dispensary. A separate midwife is not necessary for the locality as prayed for in the petition. In view of the Taluk Health Organisation Scheme functioning in the State, a separate Sanitary Inspector is also not necessary for the locality.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the place referred to does not deserve the services of a midwife and if so, will it be possible for the Department to provide a midwife in a place called Kadambanad which is only six miles from Adoor.

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: There is a rule to the effect that within a distance of six miles of a hospital there should not be any additional midwifery centre. There is already a midwife attached to the Adoor Dispensary and Kadambanad I understand, is about 10 miles from Adoor. There is also a midwife appointed at Sasthancotta which is fairly an important place and six miles from the places referred to by the member.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is it a fact that only very recently a midwife has been appointed at Sasthancotta?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnathnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether a midwife in the hospital will be available for the services of the public during the working hours of the hospital?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: A midwife is usually posted to a hospital to render such services during hospital hours in the hospital and at other times outside the hospital when the need arises.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the midwife can attend to services during hospital hours in an outside area?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: That depends upon the need that arises outside.

Leper Colony, Noornad.

176. * **MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether proper arrangements have been made to keep the places near the Leper Colony, Noornad, in perfect hygienic condition; and

(*b*) whether a dispensary open to the public is proposed to be started within the Leper Colony?

DR. S. JOHN (*Surgeon General*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what proper arrangements have been made to keep the places near the Leper Colony in perfect hygienic condition.

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